

COUNCIL OF THE FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

Minutes of the meeting held on Friday, October 7, 1983

Present: D. Taddeo, Chairman, R. Breen, J. Chaikelson, R. Roy, C. Foster, K. Argheyd, M. Armstrong, C. Barton, A. Broes, K. Bindon, D. Dicks, J. Doyle, A. Galler, A.M. Ketter, D. McDougall, S. McEvenue, G. Newsham, M. Oppenheim, R. Pallen, B. Petrie, J. Ryan, O. Schwelb, R. Sharma, W. Sellers, M. Taylor, G. Trudel, G. Valaskakis, L. Van Toch, K. Herrmann, M. Hewitt, S. Ferguson, B. Murdock, D. Konig, S. Richard, C. McPherson, P. Gott, S. Rajiva, H. Wakefield, J. Griffin, F. Zabo, H. Proppe.

Absent with regrets: T. Arbuckle-Maag, F. MacLeod, C. Bertrand.

Guest: G. Boyd

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

83-8-1 It was moved and seconded (Ryan/Van Toch) to approve the agenda as circulated.

Vote: Carried

3. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Hewitt reported that it was she, not Prof. McEvenue who had moved motion 18-7-6.

Dean Taddeo pointed out that Ms. Hewitt attended the last meeting as a duly elected member and not as a guest as recorded in the minutes.

With regard to the recording of election results in the minutes, Prof. Doyle noted that although a nomination put forward by the Steering Committee was accepted and then voted on the indication in the minutes was that the election was by acclamation. He thought that the entry should indicate that election was by unanimous vote.

Dean Taddeo replied that the Steering Committee would take up the point at its next meeting.

83-8-2 It was moved and seconded (Roy/Pallen) to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 16, 1983 as corrected.

Vote: Carried

4. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman announced that there would be a special meeting of the Faculty Council to approve the graduation lists on Monday, October 24th at 9:30 a.m.

Dean Taddeo welcomed two recently appointed departmental representatives to Faculty Council, Prof. L. Van Toch, Etudes Françaises, and Prof. K. Herrmann, Political Science. Also, he introduced and welcomed the newly appointed student representatives to the Faculty Council.

Dean Taddeo recalled that at the last meeting of Faculty Council he was asked to write to the Public Relations office to find out why McGill students jumping in jelly got more press coverage than did the Concordia students' street festival, and for an explanation of the confusion of pictures and story in the Thursday Report on plans for the expansion of the Vanier Library.

Dean Taddeo read the reply he received from Mr. David Allnutt (ASFC 83-8-D5, uncirculated).

The members of the Faculty Council were asked to remind their graduate students of the deadline date for application for graduation.

In reporting on the Senate meeting that took place the previous week, Dean Taddeo gave the results of the elections for the Senate Steering Committee. He said that the two major items on the agenda concerned the Report on the Status of Women and a discussion on the reorganization of the University. He said that the Rector reported that the Board of Governors had approved the reorganization of the two vice-rector positions for the near future and explained that the implementation of the change was expected in September 1983, but due to circumstances it had been delayed for some months.

The second item reported on at Senate was the reorganization of the portfolios of the Associate Vice-rector, Research and Dean of Graduate Studies. The third was the restructuring of the Arts and Science Faculty.

The outcome of the debate that followed the latter seemed to indicate that Senate would like to have some input on the reorganization of the two vice-rector academic positions and on the grouping of the two graduate positions under one portfolio.

With regard to the restructuring of Arts and Science, there was some debate among Senators, especially Arts and Science Senators, as to whether or not the debate was conclusive. Dean Taddeo said that he would elaborate further on the topic when item 9 on the agenda was taken up.

5. Questions and Announcements

Dean Chaikelson raised the question of graduate students having to apply for graduation saying that it had been discussed in her chairmen's meetings recently and it was thought by faculty in a number of departments that the need for graduate students to apply for graduation was unnecessary since it is the departments that are required to fill out the forms that allow the students to graduate.

It was agreed that the question should be referred to the Board of Graduate Studies.

6. Elections (ASFC 83-8-D4)

a) Steering Committee

83-8-3 Ms. Konig nominated Scott Ferguson (B.Sc.) and James Griffin, (B.A.), seconded by Prof. Petrie, to represent the students on the Steering Committee.

Vote: Carried

Mr. Scott and Mr. Griffin were elected by acclamation.

b) University Senate

83-8-4 It was moved and seconded (Trudel/Chaikelson) to approve the Steering Committee's nomination of Prof. C. Bertrand for a position on Senate.

Vote: Carried

There were no nominations from the floor and Prof. Bertrand was declared elected for a one-year term.

c) College Evaluation Committee

83-8-5 It was moved and seconded (Armstrong/Newsham) to accept the nomination of Prof. Stevens (Education) proposed by the Steering Committee.

Vote: Carried

83-8-6 Prof. Pallen, seconded by Prof. Trudel, nominated Prof. D. McDougall (Geology).

Vote: Carried

Prof. McDougall was declared elected on the first ballot.

d) Senate Committee on Academic Development

83-8-7 It was moved and seconded (Chaikelson/Petrie) to accept the nomination of Prof. E. Brussell (Psychology) presented by the Steering Committee.

Vote: Carried

Prof. Brussell will replace Prof. Wheeler on the Senate Committee on Academic Development for one year.

e) General Education Planning Committee

83-8-8 It was moved and seconded (Konig/Rajiva) to nominate Kathleen Blackie as the student representative on the General Education Planning Committee.

Vote: Carried

Ms. Blackie was elected by acclamation.

f) Advisory Search Committees for Chairman, Principals and Directors

(One faculty member from a department other than the one in which there is a vacancy.)

Dean Taddeo reported that the Steering Committee had received three nominations from faculty for two of the committees: that of Prof. Armstrong for the TESL committee nominated by Profs. N. Belmore and J. Palmer, Prof. Van Toch for TESL nominated by Prof. Newsham, and Prof. D. Frost for the Science College Committee nominated by Prof. Young.

83-8-9 It was moved and seconded (Broes/Ryan) to approve the Steering Committee's nomination of Prof. J. Moore for the Search Committee for the Chairman of History.

Vote: Carried

Prof. Moore was elected by acclamation.

83-8-10 It was moved and seconded (Pallen/Trudel) to accept the nomination of Prof. Armstrong for the TESL Search Committee. Vote: Carried

83-8-11 It was moved and seconded (Newsham/Galler) to approve the nomination of Prof. Van Toch for the TESL Search Committee. Vote: Carried

An election was held and it was won on the first ballot by Prof. Armstrong.

83-8-12 It was moved and seconded (Valaskakis/Taylor) to accept Steering Committee's nomination of Prof. D. Murphy for the Advisory Search Committee for the Chairman of Education.

Vote: Carried

There were no nominations from the floor and Prof. Murphy was declared elected.

83-8-13 It was moved and seconded (Dicks/Newsham) to accept the nomination of Prof. H. Entwistle for the Sociology and Anthropology Search Committee.

Vote: Carried

There were no nominations from the floor. Prof. Entwistle was declared elected.

83-8-14

It was moved and seconded (Ketter/Proppe) to approve the nomination by the Steering Committee of Prof. Ornstein for the Search Committee for the Centre for Mature Students.

Vote: Carried

There were no nominations from the floor and Prof. Ornstein was declared elected.

83-8-15

It was moved and seconded (Taylor/Newsham) to accept the nomination of Prof. J. Adams for the Lonergan University College Committee.

Vote: Carried

There were no nominations from the floor and Prof. Adams was declared elected.

83-8-16

It was moved and seconded (Newsham/Oppenheim) to approve the nomination of Prof. M. Farrell for the School of Community and Public Affairs Search Committee.

Vote: Carried

Prof. Farrell was declared elected.

It was determined that the Steering Committee's nomination of Prof. Langford was not acceptable because he is a Fellow of the College.

83-8-17

It was moved and seconded (Ketter/Armstrong) to accept the nomination of Prof. D. Frost for the Science College Committee.

Vote: Carried

Prof. Frost was declared elected.

7. Computer Literacy for Arts and Science Students, ASFC 83-8-1
(Report of the Computer Science Sub-Committee, US-83-8-D11)

Prof. Drysdale drew attention to the two documents which had been distributed with the materials for this meeting. In referring to ASFC 83-8-D2, Computer Literacy for Arts and Science students, he said that it would be premature for Faculty Council to enter into a very detailed discussion of this item on the agenda at this meeting in view of the fact that the burden of the Senate recommendations, insofar as they affect Arts and Science in particular, pertain to the possibility of establishing a new Arts and Science course of a computer literacy nature. He thought that Faculty Council needed to be provided with more information than it currently has in the Senate report. Consequently, his office has established an ad hoc committee consisting of three members: Prof. G. Boyd

as Chairman, Prof. F. Bodé (History), Prof. S. Erlwanger (Mathematics). The committee has been asked to take into account the recommendations of the Senate report, especially those that pertain to the possibility of establishing a special course or courses in the Faculty. Prof. Drysdale said that the committee has been asked to submit a report to him by December, after which the Curriculum Committee will receive the report, will engage in whatever consultation seems appropriate which will include consultation not only with academic departments but with the academic administration of the Faculty pertaining to, among other things, resources. Prof. Drysdale thought that Faculty Council could expect a report, which will include the recommendations of the ad hoc committee as well as the recommendations of the Curriculum Committee in January or February.

He suggested that as an interim measure it should be reported to Senate that the Arts and Science Faculty Council has under study and advisement the recommendations of the Senate report insofar as they pertain to curriculum in this area. It was so agreed.

83-8-18 It was moved and seconded (Proppe/Pallen) to approve the action of the Assistant Dean Curriculum to:

- (1) establish an advisory committee (to be directed by Prof. G. Boyd with Prof. F. Bodé and Prof. S. Erlwanger as members) for the purpose of designing an introductory "computer literacy" course to be offered within the Faculty of Arts and Science;
- (2) request that this committee work in consultation with the General Education Planning Committee, and
- (3) request that this committee report its recommendations to the office of the Assistant Dean Curriculum by December 1983.

Dean Chaikelson asked that the committee report on hardware resources as they pertain to the two campuses.

Prof. Armstrong asked if the mandate to the sub-committee also included the possibility of a literacy test similar to the English writing test. Prof. Drysdale replied that he thought it would be appropriate to add that to the committee's mandate.

Prof. Boyd, Director of the Committee, who was present at the meeting invited members of the Faculty Council who have any difficulties, interests, or concerns in their departments to get in touch with the members of the committee and assured them of their willingness to consider all inquiries.

A vote was taken on the motion and it was carried.

8. Practical Laboratory Examinations in the Final Week of Term

Dean Taddeo reported that there would be no laboratory examinations in the last week of classes in Division I with the exception of ESL 207 and 208 in TESL. He read a letter from Prof. M. Petrie (ASFC 83-8-D6, uncirculated) in which she stated that short laboratory examinations, worth 15% of the total grade, were held every second week and that the last of these fall in the thirteenth week.

Dean Roy reported that Division III has traditionally requested exemptions for selected courses for departments in order to run laboratory practical examinations in those courses which cannot realistically be scheduled by the examinations office and which require laboratory facilities. The departments concerned are Biology, Exercise Science, Geology and Physics. He noted that in the case of the Physics Department all physics laboratories are scheduled on a flexible basis and students are free to take the laboratory work at their convenience, but that the thirteenth week is needed to complete the material covered in the course. He gave a brief explanation on the structure of the programmes and indicated that to deny permission to hold the laboratory practical examinations in the final week would, in effect, reduce the amount of material covered in the courses.

The courses referred to by Dean Roy are: Biology C201, C230, C232, C234, C240, C332, C335, C341, C342; Exercise Science C253, C261, C337, C433; Geology C210, C211, C212, C311, C313, C314, C317, C411; Physics C224, C225, C226, C291, C292, C293, C294, C295, C296, C392, C394, C397, C494, C496, C497. (ASFC 83-8-D7, uncirculated)

83-8-19

It was moved and seconded (Roy/Pallen) to approve a standing list of courses in Biology, Exercise Science, Geology and Physics which would be exempted from the regulation regarding laboratory practical examinations in the final week of term (ASFC 83-8-D7); the examinations to be held in the normally scheduled time period.

It was asked if any of the students had been consulted. Dean Roy replied that they had not, but it was his impression that science students accept this as one of the harsh realities of life. As Chairman of a department for five years, he had not received any complaints.

The vote was taken on the motion and it was carried.

It was agreed that ESL 207 and 208 would be granted the same exemption as the courses in Division III for this term but that permission on a continuing basis would not be granted until further clarification is received on the type of examinations that are to be set.

9. Restructuring of Arts and Science (ASFC 83-8-D3)

The Chairman referred to the series of motions, distributed with the

agenda which were approved by Faculty Council last year during the discussion and debate on the Fahey Report. The document (ASFC 83-8-D3) was circulated to members for information and with the view of putting in perspective item 9 on the agenda.

Dean Taddeo reminded the members that last year they had voted in favour of one Vice-rector Academic, that a single Dean of Graduate Studies and Research would combine the offices of Dean of Graduate Studies and the Associate Vice-rector Academic and Research, that the present arrangement of divisional Deans in Arts and Science would be reorganized so that Arts and Science would be the responsibility of a single Dean, that the role of the Provost would be phased out and the administration of the colleges would be assured by the Dean in cooperation with the college Principals, and that the formal divisional structure as it now exists would be abolished when the one Vice-rector one Dean structure comes into effect. Finally, the Faculty Council insisted on being consulted on the final administrative organization of Arts and Science and that, in the interim, before the appointment of a single Dean, invited the submission of briefs to the Steering Committee on the proposed administrative organization.

Dean Taddeo reported that subsequent to the latter resolution Steering Committee did not receive a plethora of submissions and now recommends the following procedure: that the Faculty of Arts and Science be invited to submit briefs concerning the internal structural reorganization of the Arts and Science Faculty under a single Dean, that the Steering Committee would receive the briefs, and reserve the right to prepare other structures, which would then be brought to Council for debate and deliberation no later than the December meeting; the deadline for submission of briefs to be November 15th, and all briefs received are to be submitted to Faculty Council.

83-8-20 The Steering Committee's recommendation, in the form of a motion was moved by Prof. Bindon, seconded by Prof. Oppenheim.

Prof. Doyle suggested that one of the reasons the Council had voted in favour of the move to a single Dean was because many of its members were convinced that the matter was fait accompli. Also, he thought that somebody more in the know than the average member of Faculty Council should put before Council some concrete proposals to which it might react. He thought that these were reasons why no briefs had been submitted.

Dean Chaikelson corrected the statements made by Prof. Doyle by saying that the decision to move to a single Dean was not made elsewhere, but was decided at an Arts and Science Council meeting by people sitting around the table. She said that the second request to have the Deans provide a reasoned report on the advantages of having a single Dean assumes that all the Deans are in favour of the move.

Prof. Broes reiterated his plea, made earlier, to have the Deans present to the Faculty Council what they consider to be the advantages of having a single Dean for the Faculty.

Vice-rector Breen stressed that it was very important, at this particular stage, for members of Faculty Council and other people in the Faculty to clearly articulate their concerns so that an infra-structure can be developed which will best be able to cope with those concerns.

83-8-21 It was moved and seconded (McEvenue/Richard) to amend the motion to add "for the discussion of Steering Committee in November and discussion of Council in December."

Vote: Defeated

The motion was voted on and it was carried.

The Chairman said he would inform Department Chairmen of Steering Committee's plan and at the same time invite individuals in the Faculty of Arts and Science, as well as Faculty Council members, to submit briefs to the Steering Committee by November 15th, pertaining to the internal structuring of the Arts and Science Faculty under a single Dean.

It was asked if the Chairman could include in his memorandum an indication of where a description of the present structure can be found.

10. Elections to take place at the November meeting of Council

The Chairman reminded the members of Faculty Council that elections would be held at the next meeting to fill positions on the Arts and Science Faculty Panel and the Faculty Appeal Committee which will become vacant at the end of November.

11. Other Business

Ms. Hewitt recalled that at the last meeting, the Council approved a motion requesting the two students' associations to meet to explore the reorganization of student representation on Faculty Council. She said that the meeting had taken place, an agreement had been reached and she wished to report that the Graduate Students Association stands behind its original request that it be granted one additional seat on Faculty Council.

Ms. Hewitt was asked to submit her statement to the Steering Committee.

Prof. Argheyd, Commerce and Administration Faculty Council representative, asked if the representatives of Arts and Science on his Council had been chosen.

In reply, Dean Taddeo read the changes in the composition of the Commerce and Administration Faculty Council which were approved by Senate at its last meeting and said that it was his impression that the representatives were to be appointed not by Faculty Council but by the departments concerned.

Prof. Valaskakis, Chairman of Communication Studies, reported that her

department had appointed Prof. Diniacopoulos as their representative and that the secretary of the Commerce and Administration Faculty Council had been informed.

It was asked if the representatives of the Arts and Science Faculty on the Commerce and Administration Faculty Council were expected to report back to anyone in Arts and Science.

Dean Taddeo replied that it has not been the practice to have them report to Faculty Council but thought that the idea should be given some consideration by the Steering Committee. He said that he would contact the two representatives of the Commerce and Administration Council.

12. Next meeting

Monday, October 24, 1983, special meeting to consider graduation lists.

Friday, November 4, 1983, regularly scheduled meeting.

13. Adjournment

83-8-22 The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m. (Petrie/Ryan)